



Family Empowerment Scholarship for Unique Abilities (FES-UA)

Open House

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Please note: We do not have the Q&A option available; but you can submit questions in the post-webinar survey.



Scholarship Updates & Reminders





Scholarship Updates

STAY TUNED

Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Florida state law now requires Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs), including Step Up For Students, to collaborate to prepare agreed-upon purchasing guidelines for authorized uses of scholarship funds by December 31, 2023, and to update the guidelines at least annually.

The Agreed-Up On Purchasing Guidelines, found [here](#), contain general guidelines.

As a Step Up family, we encourage you to also review the following resources as they contain more detail on policies and procedures related to scholarship spending through Step Up:

- [Step Up's FES-UA Purchasing Guide*](#)
- [FES-UA Handbook*](#)

**Please note: You will notice some changes in the agreed-upon purchasing guidelines, for example, the new inclusion of maintenance for musical instruments*

Subject: FES-UA Purchasing Guidelines
Sent: 12.30.23



FES-UA AUP Purchasing Guide

Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities



*This message does not apply to FES-UA renewal students at this time.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that Step Up For Students families may NOW choose how they would like to be reimbursed.

Families may choose from these three options:

- **Direct Bank Transfer:** Securely deposit funds directly into your bank account via an ACH transfer.
- **Check:** Have a physical check mailed to your provided address.
- **PayPal:** Opt for PayPal, a widely used and trusted online payment platform.

Important details:

- *Until further notice, FES-UA renewal students will continue to use the legacy system.
- For all other ESA students**, a payment method must be selected to continue submitting reimbursement requests. If your family is only using your student's scholarship for tuition and fees paid directly to an eligible

Subject: AVAILABLE NOW: More ways to be reimbursed!

Sent: 1.9.24

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MyScholarShop New Vendors



 The Piper logo consists of five colored squares (red, yellow, green, blue, red) each containing a white letter: P, I, P, E, R.	<p>Piper was created in 2014 with a simple vision: to create experiences around learning with technology that are hands-on, effective, and fun. Piper is committed to providing quality STEAM educational opportunities to students around the globe.</p>	<p>https://www.playpiper.com/</p>
 The Luminous Minds logo features a stylized purple 'L' with a dot above it, followed by the text 'LuminousMinds' in a purple sans-serif font.	<p>Luminous Minds offers premium reading comprehension Phonics & Sight Word worksheets for parents and teachers, making early learning accessible for all.</p>	<p>https://www.luminousmind sinc.com/</p>
 The Leaf'd Box logo features a green leaf icon with a plant growing from it, with the text 'ESTD. 2020 LEAF'D BOX GARDENING REIMAGINED' below it.	<p>Pick your garden, grow your plants and enjoy your harvest. Their gardens come delivered with 30 plants and with the experience of your choosing. There are Basic and Advanced experiences.</p>	<p>https://leafdbox.com/</p>
 The Exploration Education logo features a blue circular icon with the letters 'EE' inside, followed by the text 'EXPLORATION EDUCATION' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.	<p>Exploration Education focuses on project based learning that makes it enjoyable for students to learn and easy for the parent or teacher to implement.</p>	<p>https://explorationeducation.com/</p>



FES-UA Parent/Guardian Handbook

**FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR
STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES**
PARENT/GUARDIAN HANDBOOK

FES- UA Parent/Guardian Handbook



The FES-UA parent handbook serves as a guide on how to utilize your scholarship funds.

Over the next few slides, we will show you where to find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions we get about the FES-UA scholarship.

Current (2023-2024 School Year) Award Amounts

- For a student who has a Level I to Level III matrix of services (matrix score 251 – 253) or a diagnosis by a licensed physician, an Autonomous Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) or a psychologist, the calculated scholarship amount for a student participating in the program must be based upon the grade level and school district in which the student would have been enrolled.
- For a student with a Level IV or Level V matrix of services (matrix score 254 or 255), the calculated scholarship amount must be based upon the school district to which the student would have been assigned as the total funds per full-time equivalent for the Level IV or Level V exceptional student education program.
- Please note that the student Award Details in the EMA portal may reflect the students 2023-24 formula award amounts; however, this does not affect any grandfathered award amounts from the 2020-2021 school year.



Refer to page 6 of the Parent Handbook



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES

Basic Scholarship Amounts for 2023-24

Students with a Level 1, 2 or 3 matrix of services OR those with diagnosis by a physician or psychologist will be awarded at the Matrix Level 251-253 indicated below.

For a student who received a scholarship in the 2020-21 school year, the amount of the award will be the greater of the amount calculated below or the amount the student received for the 2020-21 school year.

Note: The county is the one the student lives in according to their 2023-24 scholarship application.



District	ESE Levels 1-3 (251-253)			ESE Level 4 (254)	ESE Level 5 (255)
	3 & 4 Years Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12		
Alachua	\$9,866	\$9,239	\$9,177	\$21,196	\$31,480
Baker	\$10,438	\$9,793	\$9,730	\$22,136	\$32,704
Bay	\$9,954	\$9,327	\$9,265	\$21,284	\$31,568
Bradford	\$10,526	\$9,881	\$9,818	\$22,224	\$32,792
Brevard	\$9,922	\$9,295	\$9,233	\$21,252	\$31,536
Broward	\$10,205	\$9,563	\$9,500	\$21,659	\$32,182
Calhoun	\$10,756	\$10,111	\$10,048	\$22,454	\$33,022
Charlotte	\$10,306	\$9,679	\$9,617	\$21,636	\$31,920
Citrus	\$10,573	\$9,946	\$9,884	\$21,176	\$31,460
Clay	\$9,876	\$9,249	\$9,187	\$21,206	\$31,490
Collier	\$12,263	\$11,604	\$11,539	\$23,507	\$34,311
Columbia	\$10,389	\$9,744	\$9,681	\$21,790	\$32,358
Dade	\$10,130	\$9,491	\$9,428	\$21,703	\$32,175
De Soto	\$11,109	\$10,464	\$10,401	\$22,103	\$32,671
Dixie	\$10,513	\$9,868	\$9,805	\$22,211	\$32,779

District	ESE Levels 1-3 (251-253)			ESE Level 4 (254)	ESE Level 5 (255)
	3 & 4 Years Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12		
Lake	\$9,929	\$9,302	\$9,240	\$21,158	\$31,442
Lee	\$10,958	\$10,323	\$10,260	\$21,810	\$32,219
Leon	\$10,543	\$9,916	\$9,854	\$21,251	\$31,535
Levy	\$10,562	\$9,917	\$9,854	\$22,260	\$32,828
Liberty	\$10,914	\$10,269	\$10,206	\$22,612	\$33,180
Madison	\$10,758	\$10,113	\$10,050	\$22,096	\$32,664
Manatee	\$10,123	\$9,496	\$9,434	\$21,332	\$31,616
Marion	\$9,881	\$9,254	\$9,192	\$21,178	\$31,462
Martin	\$10,568	\$9,933	\$9,870	\$21,963	\$32,374
Monroe	\$13,174	\$12,518	\$12,453	\$25,119	\$35,879
Nassau	\$10,207	\$9,580	\$9,518	\$21,537	\$31,821
Okaloosa	\$10,324	\$9,697	\$9,635	\$21,341	\$31,625
Okeechobee	\$10,224	\$9,579	\$9,516	\$21,922	\$32,490
Orange	\$9,976	\$9,343	\$9,281	\$21,431	\$31,812
Osceola	\$9,976	\$9,349	\$9,287	\$21,212	\$31,496

Revise Matrix of Services

A parent/guardian of a student with a disability who does not have an IEP or who would like a reevaluation of an existing IEP may choose to request an IEP meeting and evaluation from the school district to obtain or revise a matrix of services. After the district completes the matrix, the amount of the scholarship payment will be adjusted up or down based on the revised level of services.

Please note: An initial IEP evaluation may be requested by a parent/guardian at any time from their school district, and subsequently, an IEP re-evaluation is available every three years.

To seek an evaluation or re-evaluation from the student's school district:

- Contact your local school district to schedule the evaluation and/or matrix review. The school district is required to complete the IEP and matrix of services within 30 days after receiving notice of the parent's/guardian's request.
- The school district will complete the evaluation and matrix review and notify the parent/guardian and the DOE of the student's updated matrix level within 10 calendar days after its completion.
- The DOE will send a notification to Step Up For Students and the parent/guardian within 10 days after receiving the school district's notification of the matrix level.
- Step Up For Students will update the matrix level on the student's account.

Please note: The Florida Department of Education will communicate to Step Up For Students the updated funding amount, Step Up does not determine matrix or funding amounts.



Refer to p. 6 of the Parent Handbook



Funding Continuation

Once funds are deposited into the student's account, parents/guardians may use the scholarship funds for a variety of services. Any unused funds will be rolled over for utilization in subsequent school years, assuming the student remains eligible for Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA).

Funding to the account will continue each year, based on the annual application submission, and agreement to comply with the Sworn Compliance Statement. Once the student graduates from high school or attains 22 years of age on or before July 1 (whichever comes first), no additional funds will be deposited into the student's account, but they may continue to use the funds in the accounts.

If during the school year the Florida Department of Education finds a student in a Florida public school, or any education program funded by the state, or if the parent/guardian withdraws the student from the scholarship program, funds received for that school year will be returned to the state.

Please note: A student is ineligible for additional scholarship payments if the student's account has been inactive (no spending activity) for two (2) consecutive fiscal years (July 1- June 30) or has an account balance of \$50,000 or more.

Refer to p. 9 of the Parent Handbook

Continuing Program Eligibility Scholarship Renewal

Students must complete a renewal application each school year in order to receive additional funding and remain active in the FES-UA program. Students do not have to requalify each year, with the exception of students who have aged out of a High-Risk diagnosis, or some hospital/homebound students.

Students who do not renew and receive FES-UA funding and “sit out” a year will lose renewal status and priority.

Students who leave the FES-UA program and who choose to later reapply for an FES-UA Scholarship will be considered new students.

If your student turns 22 or graduates high school, but still has funds remaining, you **MUST** complete an intent-to-continue and provide the required documentation to use the remaining funds.

Refer to p. 29-30 of the Parent Handbook

Continuing Program Eligibility cont...

Step Up For Students MUST be notified immediately if your scholarship student enrolls in one of the options listed below, or if you move out of state. Failure to do so could result in a loss of funding, loss of future eligibility, or financial or criminal penalties.

- Public school or any public-school classes (including Charter Schools)
- Services funded through the Florida Education Finance Program
- Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)
- Florida Virtual School – as a public-school student, not as a scholarship, private student pay,
- Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program, including PEP (FTC/FTC-PEP)
- Hope Scholarship program
- Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO)
- New Worlds Scholarship Account



If your scholarship student is placed in any residential program, it is important that you ask about the mandatory school attendance requirement while the student is in the program. If the program uses any Florida public school option (district school, charter school, Florida Virtual School), the student's scholarship will be in jeopardy. If the program uses a private school option, and if the private school is an eligible, participating private school, your student's scholarship funds may be available to cover the cost of tuition and fees while the student is attending.

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More Ways to Receive Reimbursements

**Choose How to Receive Payment for Approved
Reimbursements**

Important Notice

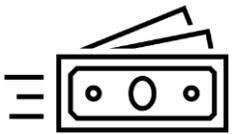
We are pleased to announce improvements to our reimbursement services for Step Up's ESA scholarship families. This new process can be managed within the family's EMA account and will replace the U.S. Bank Focus/Reimbursement Cards.

Families submitting reimbursement requests in EMA must select a payment method before submitting a new request. *Note: This step should only be completed if you intend to submit reimbursement requests.*

Renewal FES-UA students are not impacted at this time and will continue to use the legacy system until further notice.

Payment Method Options

Families with an approved reimbursement request can now select from one of the following payment methods:



Direct Bank Transfer: Securely deposit funds directly into your bank account via an ACH transfer.

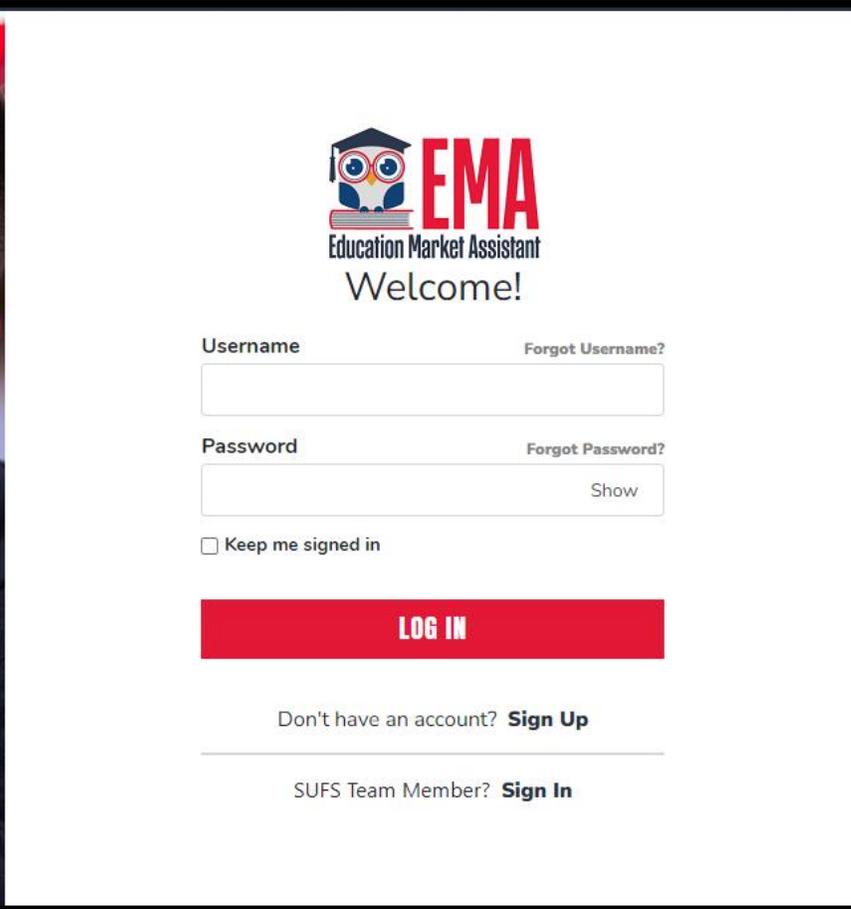


Check: For a more traditional approach, you can select a physical check for your reimbursement payment method. The check will be mailed to your provided address.



PayPal: Opt for PayPal, a widely used and trusted online payment platform, to receive your reimbursement with ease.

Setting Up Your Payment Profile



The image shows a login page for the Education Market Assistant (EMA) system. At the top center is the EMA logo, which features a stylized owl wearing a graduation cap, with the letters 'EMA' in large red font and 'Education Market Assistant' in smaller black text below it. Underneath the logo, the word 'Welcome!' is displayed. The login form consists of two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. To the right of the 'Username' field is a link for 'Forgot Username?'. To the right of the 'Password' field is a link for 'Forgot Password?' and a 'Show' button. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Keep me signed in'. A prominent red button with the text 'LOG IN' in white is centered below the form. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: 'Don't have an account? Sign Up' and 'SUFS Team Member? Sign In'.

EMA
Education Market Assistant
Welcome!

Username [Forgot Username?](#)

Password [Forgot Password?](#) [Show](#)

Keep me signed in

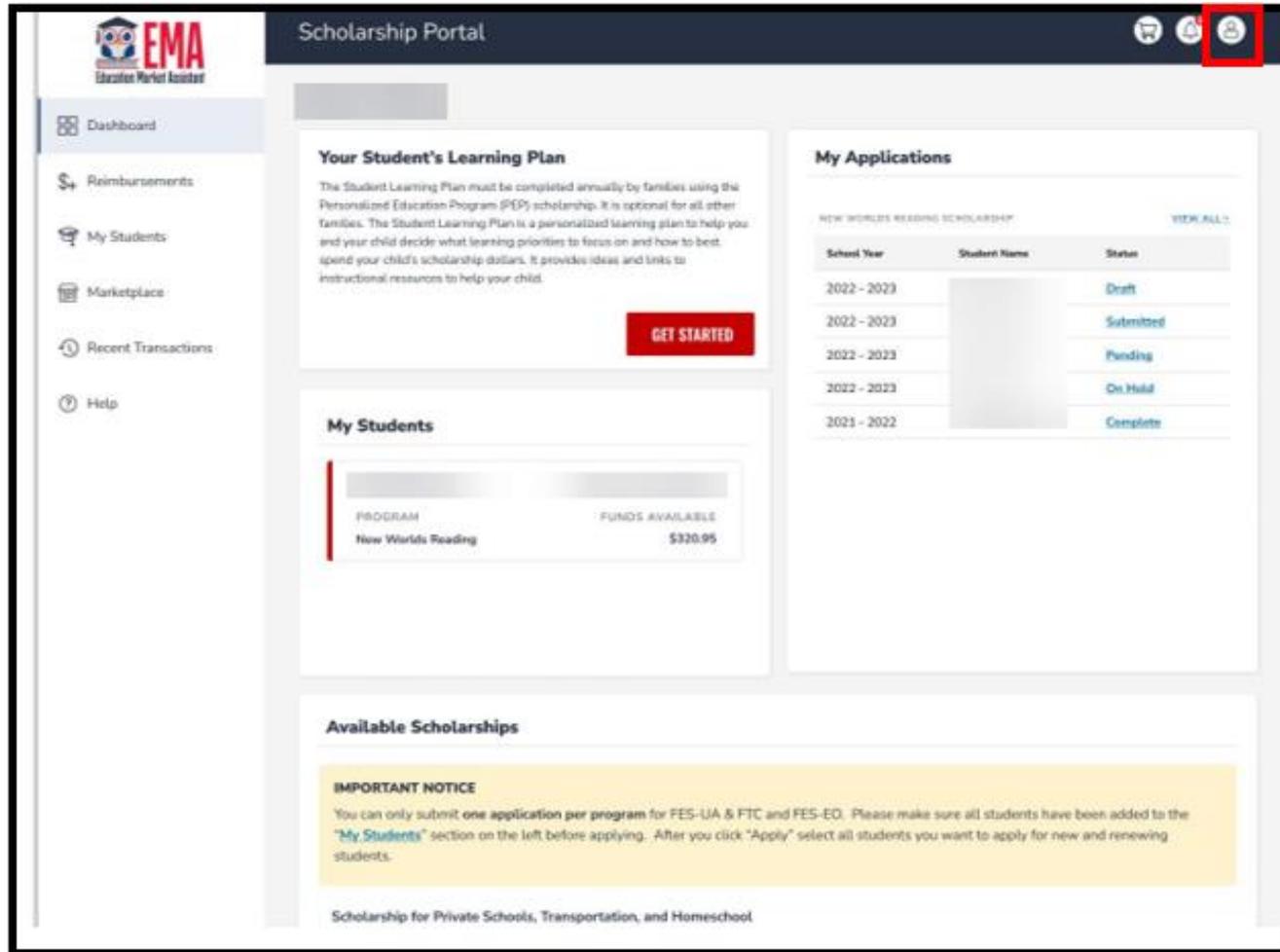
LOG IN

Don't have an account? [Sign Up](#)

SUFS Team Member? [Sign In](#)

Log in to your EMA account.

Setting Up Your Payment Profile



The screenshot shows the Scholarship Portal dashboard. The top right corner features three icons: a shopping cart, a lock, and a person icon. The person icon is highlighted with a red box. The dashboard includes a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Reimbursements, My Students, Marketplace, Recent Transactions, and Help. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Your Student's Learning Plan' with a 'GET STARTED' button, 'My Applications' with a table of applications, 'My Students' with a table of student programs, and 'Available Scholarships' with an important notice.

Your Student's Learning Plan

The Student Learning Plan must be completed annually by families using the Personalized Education Program (PEP) scholarship. It is optional for all other families. The Student Learning Plan is a personalized learning plan to help you and your child decide what learning priorities to focus on and how to best spend your child's scholarship dollars. It provides ideas and links to instructional resources to help your child.

My Applications

School Year	Student Name	Status
2022 - 2023		Draft
2022 - 2023		Submitted
2022 - 2023		Pending
2022 - 2023		On Hold
2021 - 2022		Complete

My Students

PROGRAM	FUNDS AVAILABLE
New Worlds Reading	\$320.95

Available Scholarships

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You can only submit one application per program for FES-UA & FTC and FES-EO. Please make sure all students have been added to the "My Students" section on the left before applying. After you click "Apply" select all students you want to apply for new and renewing students.

Scholarship for Private Schools, Transportation, and Homeschool

Click on the person icon on the top right corner of the dashboard and then click **“Edit Profile.”**

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Scroll down to the **“Payment Method”** section on your profile and click the **“Manage”** button. This information must be kept up to date and can be updated at any time, however, the address should not be altered and must match the information in your guardian profile.

Payment Method

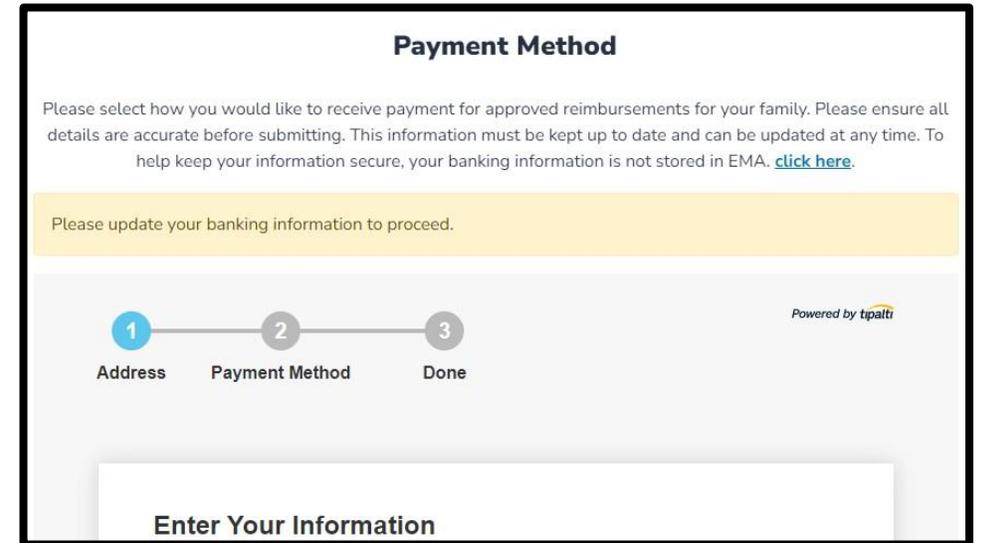
Families submitting reimbursement requests for students with available funds must select how they would like to receive payment and provide any applicable information. This is done by clicking the “Manage” button below. This information must be kept up to date and can be updated at any time. **Note:** The “Manage” button becomes available once you have at least one funded student. This step should only be completed if you intend to submit reimbursement requests.

MANAGE  Payment Method Needs Attention

Note: The “Manage” button becomes available after the profile is saved for the first time.

Setting Up Your Payment Profile

- Once you click “**Manage**,” you’ll be brought to the payment method screen.
- Your address information will be pre-populated from your EMA profile.
 - **DO NOT EDIT YOUR ADDRESS HERE.**
 - If you need to change your address, please do so in your EMA parent profile then return to the Payment Method screen.
- Click “**Next**” to continue to select a payment method.



Payment Method

Please select how you would like to receive payment for approved reimbursements for your family. Please ensure all details are accurate before submitting. This information must be kept up to date and can be updated at any time. To help keep your information secure, your banking information is not stored in EMA. [click here](#).

Please update your banking information to proceed.

1 — 2 — 3
Address — Payment Method — Done

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Enter Your Information

Setting Up Your Payment Profile

Payment Method

Please select how you would like to receive payment for approved reimbursements for your family. Please ensure all details are accurate before submitting. This information must be kept up to date and can be updated at any time. To help keep your information secure, your banking information is not stored in EMA. [click here](#).

1 Address 2 **Payment Method** 3 Done

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Payment Method: Direct Deposit / ACH

Name on Account: test twohundred

Bank Name: Required field

Routing Code: Required field

Account Number: Required field

Account Type: Checking Savings

Next, select how you would like to receive payment for approved reimbursements. You can choose from: **Direct Bank Transfer, Check or PayPal.**

The fields will vary based on the **Payment Method** selection.

Please ensure all details are accurate before submitting.

Please note: To help keep your information secure, your banking information is not stored in EMA.

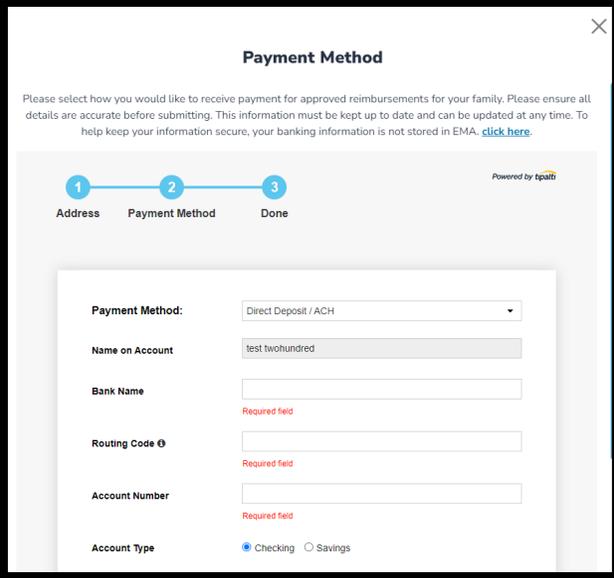
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Payment Options

Direct Deposit: Once a reimbursement request is approved, Step Up will initiate the transfer of funds which will be electronically transferred into the families' bank account two business days later. This option requires a bank account and is convenient for families who prefer an automated process.

Mailed Check: A check will be mailed roughly one week after the reimbursement request is approved by Step Up. This option may be preferred by those who are more comfortable with traditional transactions and/or families who do not have a bank account.

PayPal: Transactions often occur in real-time or within a few hours. However, it may take additional time to transfer funds from a PayPal account to a bank account or a credit/debit card. PayPal is also widely accepted on various websites, and it allows for quick peer-to-peer transfers.



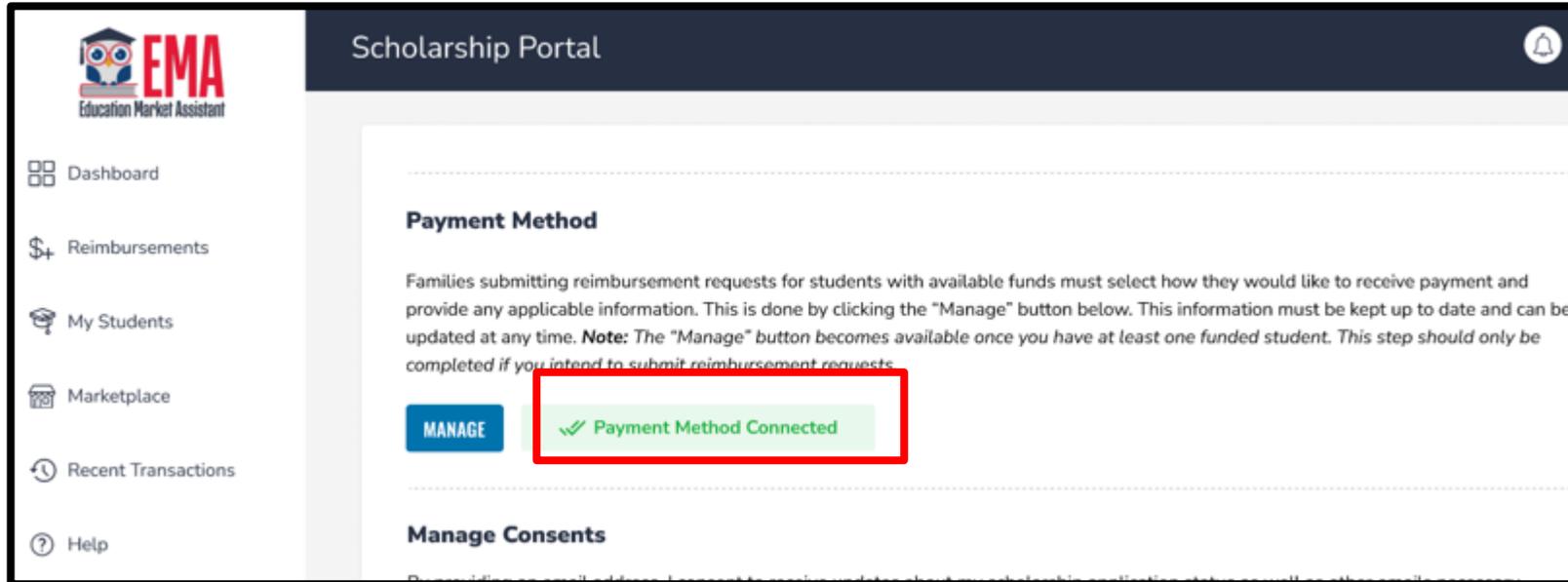
The screenshot shows a web form titled "Payment Method" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a disclaimer: "Please select how you would like to receive payment for approved reimbursements for your family. Please ensure all details are accurate before submitting. This information must be kept up to date and can be updated at any time. To help keep your information secure, your banking information is not stored in EMA. [click here](#)".

A progress indicator at the top shows three steps: 1. Address, 2. Payment Method (current step), and 3. Done. A "Powered by tpasti" logo is in the top right of the form area.

The form fields are as follows:

- Payment Method:** A dropdown menu with "Direct Deposit / ACH" selected.
- Name on Account:** A text field containing "test twohundred".
- Bank Name:** An empty text field with a red "Required field" label below it.
- Routing Code @:** An empty text field with a red "Required field" label below it.
- Account Number:** An empty text field with a red "Required field" label below it.
- Account Type:** Radio buttons for "Checking" (selected) and "Savings".

Setting Up Your Payment Profile



When the green message
**“Payment Method
Connected”** displays,
you are good to go!

Please note: It may take up to 12 hours for this change to be reflected in your EMA account. If you continue to see the "Payment Method Needs Attention" message after updating your payment method, please log out, open a new window and log back in.

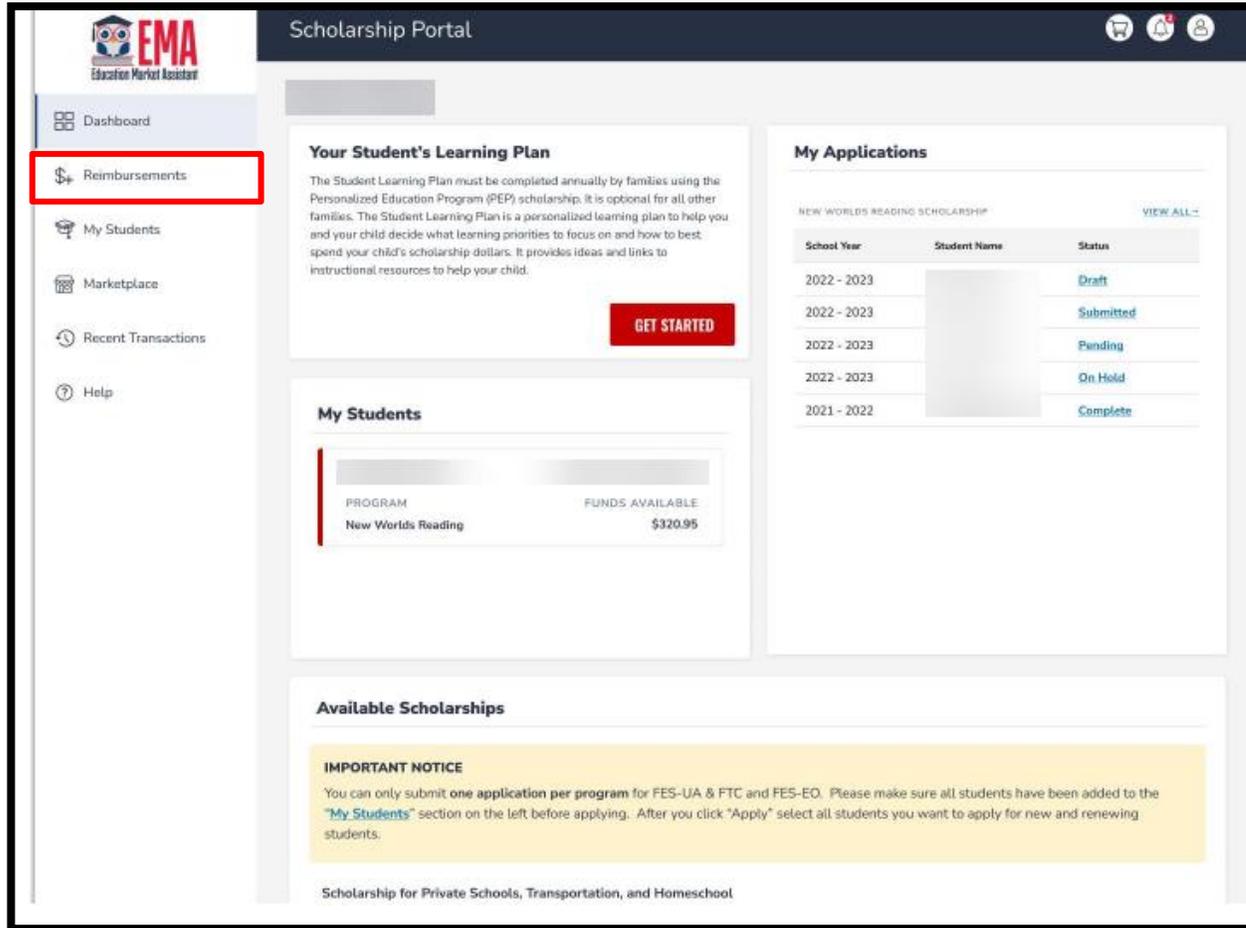
Not Ready to Update Right Now?

To continue submitting reimbursement requests within EMA, you will need to select a payment method.

If you do not update this information in your profile today, you will be reminded on various screens in EMA before you can submit a reimbursement.



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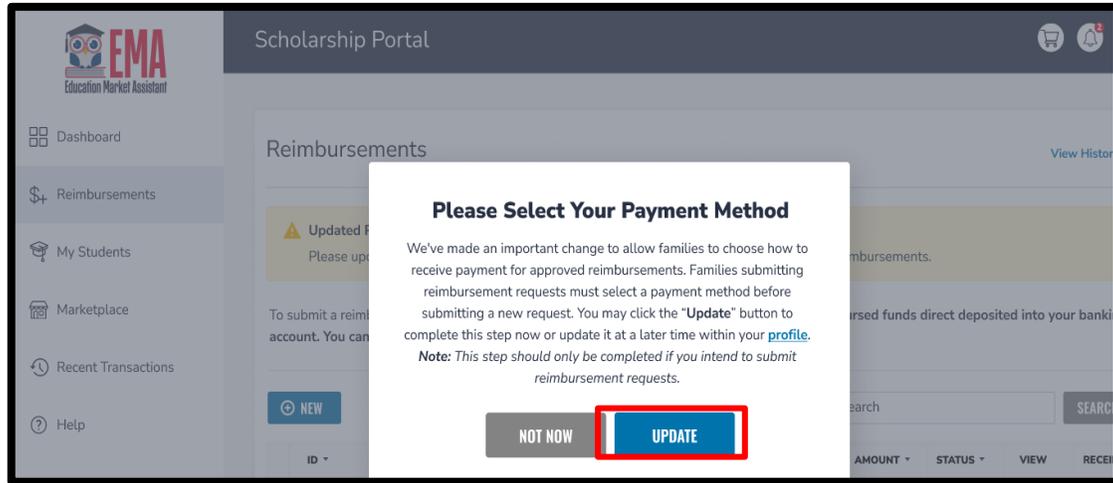


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- My Applications:** A table titled "NEW WORLDS READING SCHOLARSHIP" with columns for School Year, Student Name, and Status. The table contains five rows of data.
- My Students:** A table with columns for PROGRAM and FUNDS AVAILABLE. It shows "New Worlds Reading" with "\$320.95" available.
- Available Scholarships:** A section with an "IMPORTANT NOTICE" box and a link to "Scholarship for Private Schools, Transportation, and Homeschool".

Another way you'll be prompted to update your Payment Method is when you click on the **"Reimbursements"** tab on the left panel on the dashboard.

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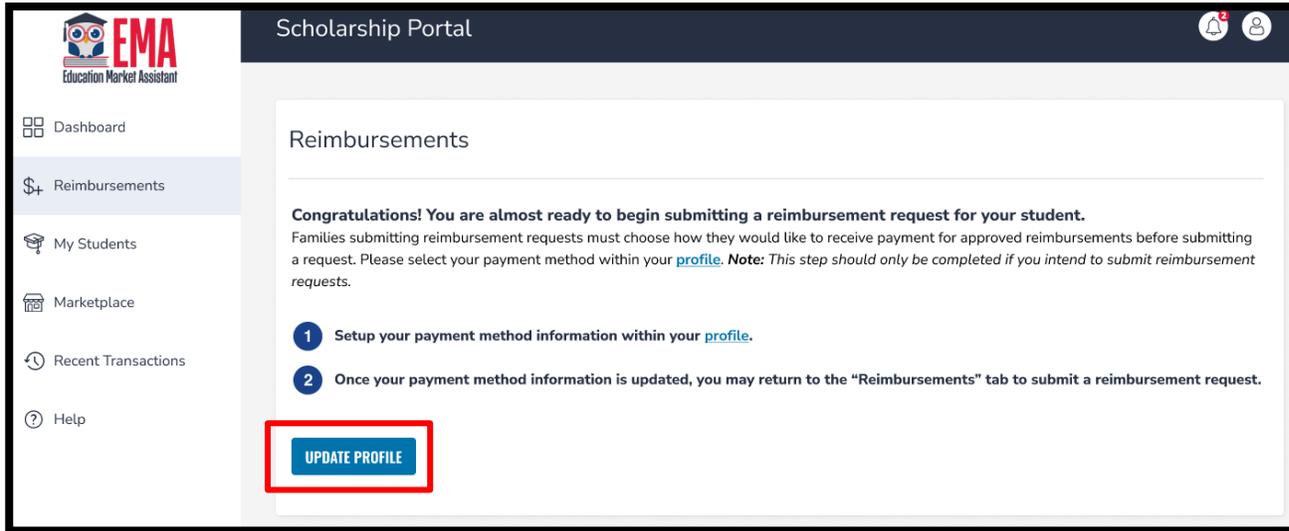


If you **HAVE** submitted a reimbursement previously and have **NOT** already selected your payment method, a window will appear asking you to update your payment method information. Again, this change is required to continue submitting reimbursements.

Note: If you bypass this popup, you will see another reminder on the Reimbursements page.

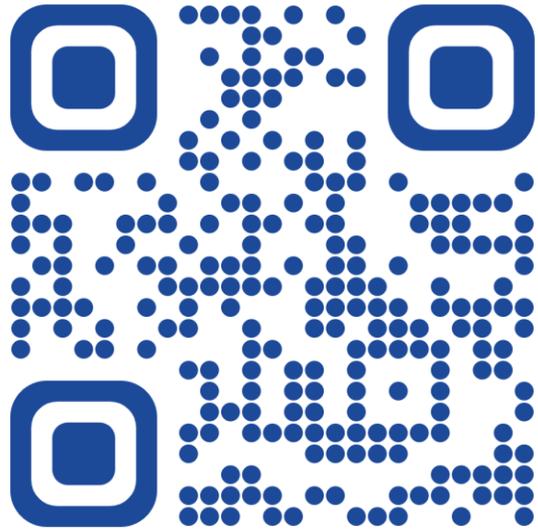
Click the **"Update"** button to complete this step now or update it later within your profile.

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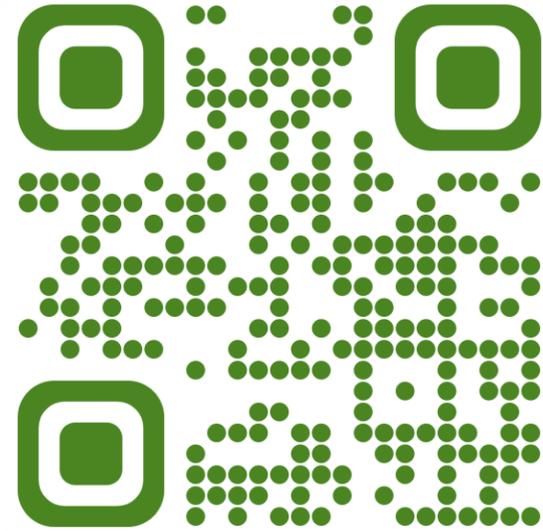
If you **HAVE NOT** submitted a reimbursement previously **AND** have a funded student, you will see a message on the “Reimbursements” screen prompting you to select your payment method on your profile.

Click the **“Update Profile”** button to complete this step now or update it later within your profile.



English Video

We are pleased to announce improvements to our reimbursement services for Step Up's ESA scholarship families. This new process can be managed within the family's EMA account and will replace the U.S. Bank Focus Cards. This video covers how families may submit reimbursements in EMA by selecting a payment method before submitting new requests. This step should only be completed if you intend to submit reimbursement requests. Note: FES-UA renewal families are NOT impacted at this time and will continue to use the legacy system until further notice.



Spanish Video

Nos complace anunciar mejoras en nuestros servicios de reembolso para las familias de beca de la ESA de Step Up. Este nuevo proceso se puede administrar dentro de la cuenta EMA de la familia y sustituirá a las Tarjetas Focus de U.S. Bank. Este video cubre cómo las familias pueden presentar reembolsos en EMA seleccionando un método de pago antes de presentar nuevas solicitudes. Este paso sólo debe completarse si tiene intención de enviar solicitudes de reembolso.

Nota: Las familias de renovación de FES-UA NO se verán afectadas en este momento y continuarán utilizando el sistema anterior hasta nuevo aviso.

Managing Funds Already On Your Reimbursement Card

This slide only pertains to families with a balance on their U.S. Bank Focus Card. They can:

Continue to use those funds until they run out.

- Families can use the card like any other debit card to make purchases or get cash.

Withdraw them at a bank.

- Cardholders can make a cash withdrawal from a network of ATMs.

Call U.S. Bank and request a check for the balance that remains on the card.

- Families can call the number on the back of their card (888-863-0681) to request to withdraw their funds. They should be prepared to verify their address on this call.

New reimbursement funds will not be added to the U.S. Bank Focus Card starting January 8, 2024, if you need assistance with your U.S. Bank Focus Card, call (888) 863-0681.



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**Finding Providers &
Services in the EMA
Marketplace for Parents**



It's Q & A Time!

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Are siblings of an FES-UA student automatically eligible as well? What scholarship options are available for siblings of students with FES-UA Scholarship?

No, siblings will not automatically qualify if the other child is a recipient of the FES-UA Scholarship. With the passing of HB1, all students that are eligible for K-12 Florida public school, regardless of income, are eligible to receive the FTC (Florida Tax Credit) Scholarship or the FES-EO (Florida Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options) Scholarship.

Will the scholarship be considered as income for tax purposes?

No, the Florida scholarships are not considered income.

If my child remains in public school, can I still use my FES-UA scholarship to pay for his speech therapy, occupational therapy, or tutoring?

A child who is enrolled in public school and reported to the state in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) cannot use the FES-UA scholarship. This includes Charter schools, as well as FLVS Full-Time, since they are funded through the FEFP. However, if an account has rollover funds from a previous scholarship year and the student enrolls in public school, the parent/guardian can continue using funds for eligible expenses. No additional funds will be added to the account. The account will be closed if there is inactivity for 2 consecutive years.

It's Q & A Time!

What happens to unspent money from my child's FES-UA account?

FES-UA funds that are unused in your child's FES-UA educational savings account may be left in the account and rolled over to the following year. You must apply as a renewal or continuing student to be able to access those funds the next year. Note: An inactive account for 2 consecutive years will be closed, and funds returned to the state.

We received a voucher for VPK Preschool, is there a way to discontinue that and use the FES-UA Scholarship?

A child cannot use FES-UA and a VPK voucher in the same year. If your preschooler has been awarded an FES-UA scholarship, do not provide a VPK voucher to your child's school. If you have already done so, please advise the school that you would like to have the voucher withdrawn. You may also contact your Early Learning Coalition for more assistance.

Does my FES-UA student have to attend a participating private school to be funded?

No, an FES-UA student may also homeschool and still be funded; however, tuition and fees can only be reimbursed at an eligible participating private school.

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